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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) 5630 Fishers Lane. Room 1061 Rockville, Maryland 20852

re: Docket Numbers: 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

Dear FDA:

I urge you to seriously consider prohibiting the practice of forced molting, as a step toward reducing egg borne diseases that are responsible for many human illnesses and deaths each year. It has been widely accepted that forced molting promotes disease by destroying the chicken's immune system. It is my understanding that the FDA has the authority to prohibit farm practices that threaten human health. Thank you.

Sincerely

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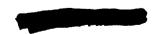
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